rebels or to defend himself and so \\as forced to \\ithdrpv from hu> ovin house These combinations and revolts ha\e effected many execrable murders and cruelties upon the English m the counties of Limerick, Cork and Kerry and elsewhere , infants being taken from the nurses' breasts and dashed against the walls , the heart plucked out of the body of the husband .n the view of the wife, who was forced to yield the use of her apron to wipe the blood from the murderers' fingers, an English gentleman in a town at midday cruelly murdered and Jais head cleft in divers pieces, divers sent into Youghal amongst the English, some with their throats cut but not killed, some with their tongues cut out of their heads, others with their noses cut off, by view whereof the English might the more bitterly lament the misery of their countrymen, and fear the like to »befall themselves And these execrable parts are performed by the Irish tenants and servants of the English, and those that but the last day were fed and nourished by the English are now the thieves that violently before their faces take from them their corn, cattle and other goods , and the party spoiled thinketh Inmself happy if he escape without loss of life or other shameful villainy to himself, his wife or children.

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It is generally held that the Earl of Essex will go to Ireland towards the spring as Lieutenant-General, and the Lord Mountjoy as his Lord Deputy, with divers other young lords and noblemen, and that he shall be accompanied with the most part of those knights that be his creatures, for it is thought fit they should not come too easily by their honours but that in this case, as well as in many others^ it should be granted for service

done and to be done

The new Countess of Southampton is brought abed of a daughter, and to mend her portion the Earl, her father, hath lately lost 1,800 crowns at tennis in Paris

A JEST ON THE KING OF SPAIN

It is reported about the Court that the King of Spain for all his striving to enlarge his possessions in his last days was eaten byhcewhile still living Hereat one of the courtiers said to the Queen,[c] God grant me no further ambition than to be eaten by worms when I am dead '